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In re Application of:

William L. Bong

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REPLY AND AMENDMENT

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Sir or Madam:

In response to the Office Action mailed on February 4, 2003, Applicant submits the following Reply and Amendment. This responsive communications includes three sections: Drawing Amendments, Claim Amendments and Remarks.

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DRAWING AMENDMENTS

The Examiner has demanded that the “Prior Art” labels be placed under each of Figures 1b-1e. The Applicant has complied with this request by providing a proposed drawing correction.

The Examiner has also demanded that “guide” be changed to “Guide” in step 490 of FIG. 9. The Examiner has also demanded that “resIstant” be changed to “resistant” in step 494, and that “Insolators” be changed to “Insulators” in step 496. The Applicant has complied with this request by providing a proposed drawing correction.